PUUP Exec Board Meeting

May 1, 2018

Attending: Kim Hartshorn, Ray Guydosh, Gerianne Wright Downs, Rob Keever

1. Representative Assembly April 27-29 in Buffalo, N.Y.: Kim attended and reported it was a good weekend and beneficial in learning how the RA works. Rob asked about the difference between locals and chapters. Ray explained how a local is independent and owns its contracts. A chapter, like PUUP, is a chapter of a local. UUP is a local and owns the contract and the bargaining rights.
2. Contract: Kim reported a disagreement with Professional Staff Congress, CUNY’s union, at Representative Assembly, which is starting a $7,000 campaign for adjuncts. Wanted NYSUT to support its campaign and call for actions, writing governor, showing up at protests, etc. Fred Kowel, and some community colleges are reluctant to go the whole route because our ask is $5,000 per course. The $7,000, although appropriate for NYC, is high for the rest of the state. Apparently, we’re close to a contract (marginal) and Fred was really sensitive to endorsing a resolution that called for specific actions for $7,000 action right now. UUP asked that it be deferred back to the board.
3. DA in Albany: Fred is hoping to have something to indicate this weekend. Attending: Wendy Gordon, David Curry, Ray Guydosh, Michelle Toth, Charlie Simpson, Kim Hartshorn, Richard Aberle, Gerianne Wright Downs, Deborah Zinser

L/M Agenda for Wednesday, May 9 at 1:30 p.m.

1. SBDC closure: Reasons, process, savings and effects on UUP personnel and future plans?
2. Who is going to take on Start-Up NY with Keith’s retirement?
3. Any other budget-related actions anticipated through the summer?
4. Reaction to voluntary work reduction email
5. Other items that may arise
6. Calendar announcements
7. Meron’s Mixer, May 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Veteran Ribbons: Cristian Balan sent Kim an email asking about cords for veterans for faculty regalia, estimating a need for 40. UUP has cords available for faculty only.

Submitted by Gerianne Wright Downs, PUUP Secretary